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York Univ., shortly  
after '69 ... beginning ...  
included for reference.

# INFORMATION THEORY

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Terms: Information, entropy, redundancy, uncertainty, average information, transmitted information or correlation measure, informational correspondence, stochastic processes, ergodic, correlational redundancy, distributional redundancy, positive interaction uncertainty, higher order redundancy (digrams, trigrams, etc.), isomorphism, iconicity, abstraction, distortion, noise, relative entropy, multidimensional scaling, . . .

Basic relation:

$$H = - \sum p_i \log p_i \quad (\text{Shannon})$$

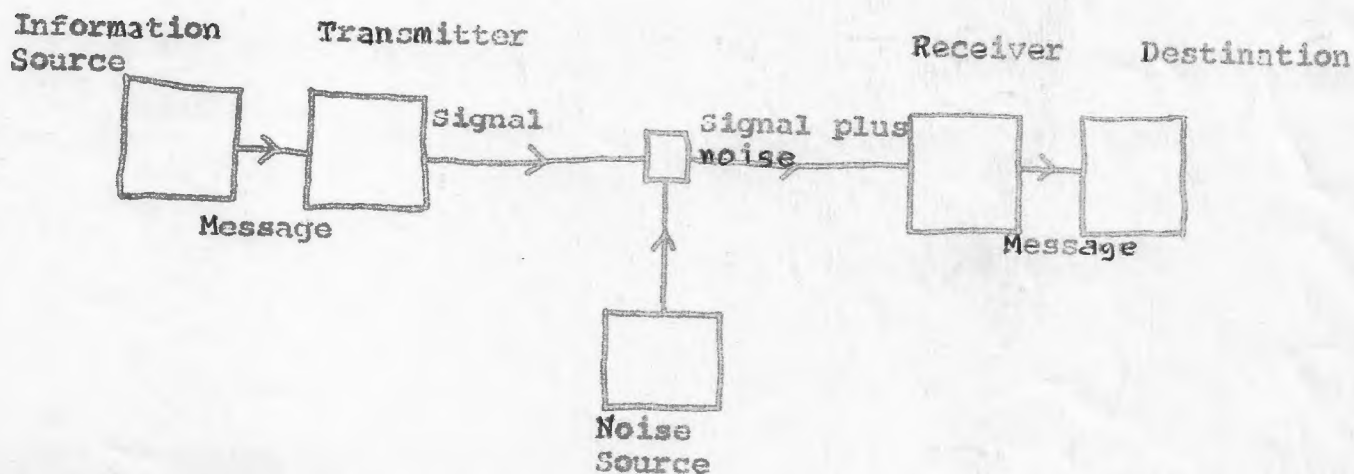
Relative Entropy:

$$R = H/H_{\max} = H/\log(m)$$

Redundancy:

$$C = 1-R$$

Shannon's communication model:



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### A. Review of basic facts about logarithms:

Primary fact: if,  $N = x^p$ , then  $p = \log_x N$

Operations:

$$(x^p)(x^q) = x^{p+q}$$

$$x^p/x^q = x^{p-q}$$

$$\log MN = \log M + \log N$$

$$\log M/N = \log M - \log N$$

$$\log M^p = p \log M$$

$$\log \sqrt[p]{M} = 1/p(\log M)$$

Know the meaning of: mantissa and characteristic.

### B. Using log with base 2, assumed in information theory:

Basic fact:  $\log_{10} 2 = 0.30103$

Deduce:  $\log_2 10 = (\log_{10} 2)^{-1} = 3.322$

Exercises in log with base 2:

$\log(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024) =$

Problems:

Three place  
answers:

$$\log(1000) \approx$$

9.966

$$\log(10^6) \approx$$

19.932

$$\log(100) \approx$$

6.644

$$\log(160) \approx$$

7.322

$$\log(3.16) \approx$$

1.661

$$\log(2.5) \approx$$

1.322

$$\log(5) \approx$$

2.322

$$\log(\sqrt[3]{2}) \approx$$

1/3

$$\log(25) \approx$$

4.644

$$\text{Deduce } \log(3) \approx$$

1.585

$$\log(\sqrt{2}) \approx$$

$\frac{1}{2}$

$$\log(80) \approx$$

6.322

$$\text{Deduce } \log(3) \approx$$

1.585

$$\log(50) \approx$$

5.644

$$\text{Deduce } \log(7) \approx$$

2.807

Calculate the log of the integers between 1 and 25

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